

June 29, 2021

Council Chambers
Vigo County Annex
Terre Haute, Indiana

Roll Call:

Present: Mike Morris and Brendan Kearns.

Others Present: County Attorney Joel Modesitt, Auditor James Bramble, Cheryl Loudermilk, Tim Cunningham, Larry Robbins, Diana Winsted-Smith, Kim Bennett, Kara Wright, Kevin Gardner, Joey Lehman, Ryan Wickens, Vickie Oster, Sara Holbert, Tona Bean, Verdeana and Richard Boyles, Howard Greninger, and several members of the public.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Mike Morris called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Review of Minutes/Claims. Auditor James Bramble presented minutes for June 22, 2021 for approval. Brendan Kearns made a motion to approve the June 22, 2021 minutes. Mike Morris seconded the motion. Upon a voice vote of 2-0, the motion unanimously passed.

Mr. Bramble then presented the Board with expenditures for the period of June 19, 2021 through June 25, 2021 in the amount of \$2,948,821.87 plus payroll in the amount of \$1,043,591.88 for a total amount of \$3,992,413.75. Mike Morris made a motion to approve the claims for June 19, 2021 through June 25, 2021. Brendan Kearns seconded the motion. Upon a voice vote of 2-0, the motion unanimously passed.

Covered Bridge Certification - Auditor. Mr. Bramble explained that this is a document that needs to be sent to the State Auditor in order to get our distribution for maintenance of our one covered bridge. The bridge is located at Fowler Park and has recently been restored. The check will be for approximately \$1,850.00. There was a brief discussion about the bridge. Brendan Kearns made a motion to approve execution of this contract. Mike Morris seconded the motion. Upon a voice vote of 2-0, the motion unanimously passed.

Resolution to Opt Out of Opioids Settlement - Attorney. The State has created a recovery program where they have proposed how they would divide the opioid settlement but their division would diminish what each party could possibly get. June 30 is the deadline for opting out. The County can choose to pursue this on its own for its own settlement if the Commissioners choose to do so. By opting out, we would not be locked in to the State's settlement plan, which would be 15% to the total recovery going to the County. If pursued on our own, the recovery agreed to would belong entirely to the County. Mr. Modesitt noted there were statutory provisions to opt back in at a later time if the County chose to do so. There was some further discussion. Mike Morris made a motion to sign Resolution 2021-11 to opt out of the settlement. Brendan Kearns seconded the motion. Upon a voice vote of 2-0, the motion unanimously passed.

Amendment to Agreement between Vigo County and Core Business Tech - IT. This is just a new quote for website redesign and we would just be accepting that quote. Brendan Kearns made a motion to approve execution of this amendment. Mike Morris seconded the motion. Upon a voice vote of 2-0, the motion unanimously passed.

Petition to Vacate Public Right of Way. Ryan Wickens presented this Petition for Vacation of Right of Way for Verdeana and Richard Boyles. This requests permission to vacate a right-of-way for a portion of Interurban and Edgewood Boulevard in West Terre Haute. The Boyles would like to vacate 40 feet along the

frontage of Edgemont so they can build a garage. There is about 8-10 feet along Interurban on the west side of their property. This is unique in that they are not vacating to the center of the road. The Boyles have been maintaining 40 feet of right-of-way on Edgemont for some time. After some discussion, Brendan Kearns made a motion to approve this vacation of this right-of-way. Mike Morris seconded the motion. Upon a voice vote of 2-0, the motion unanimously passed.

Comment from Commissioners or other Vigo County Representatives. Mr. Bramble noted that the County had received its first installment of ARP money yesterday in the amount of \$10,395,438.50. Mr. Kearns asked when the second installment was anticipated. Mr. Bramble thought it would be next year at about the same time. The use of that money was still being discussed. The rules of its use had been changing frequently.

Mr. Kearns asked HR Director Kara Wright about the status of filling job openings. Ms. Wright noted that the full-time positions were being filled but it was harder to fill the part-time positions due to potential applicants being able to make more money drawing unemployment than the part time positions paid. There was a brief discussion.

Public Comments. There were none.

Today's meeting recessed at 9:20 a.m.



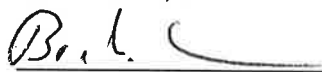
Mike Morris, President

Chris Switzer, Vice President

Attest:



James Bramble, Auditor



Brendan Kearns, Secretary